



National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Proclamation

In Support of

National Environmental Crime Prevention Week

Whereas, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) represents over 3,500 members nationwide, primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners; and

Whereas, NOBLE's mission is to ensure equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities, and to serve as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action; and

Whereas, NOBLE and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division have been involved in a training partnership initiative since 2002, whereby in excess of 900 NOBLE members have been trained through local, regional and national training conferences; and

Whereas, this training program provides invaluable basic knowledge and information to assist state and local law enforcement officers in identifying environmental crimes and initiating enforcement actions against violators of environmental crimes in jurisdictions where these crimes are perpetrated in disproportionate numbers; and

Whereas, as part of our community outreach, I have directed all NOBLE chapters to partner with EPA/ CID personnel to engage young people throughout the nation through the educational program, "It's Grime, Crime Justin Tyme."

Now, therefore be it Proclaimed this 12th day of April 2008, that the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives encourages its members to fully support National Environmental Crime Prevention Week, and to continue to raise awareness of environmental crime as all Americans share a responsibility to protect our environment and build a safer future for our country.

Douglas DeLeaver
National President